

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to cancel claim 1 and to add new claims 33-40. Claims 33-40 track allowed claims 13-20 from the parent application.

Although a Terminal Disclaimer over the parent application is filed herewith, Applicants are not conceding an absence of patentable distinction between the present claims and those of the parent.


Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Douglas P. Mueller (Reg. No. 30,300), at (612) 371.5237.

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